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Hi Carolyn –

Thanks for your message. Your interpretation is correct. The general rule is to look at the national “EJ Indexes” and see if any of them meet or exceed the 80th percentile. If not, we do not consider the location to be an area that warrants further review for EJ issues.

That said, the 80th percentile is not supposed to be considered a “bright line.” If you’re analyzing a location or area where 9 out of 12 of the indexes are near the 80th percentile and where there are known environmental/public health issues or concerns we would want to take a closer look. For the location you’re focusing on here, none of the EJ indexes are close to the 80th percentile and it’s easy to say that there is no need for further review.

Please let me know if you have any questions.

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From: Casey, Carolyn
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Hi Jeff, I am writing an order and would like to include a statement about whether the site is in an EJ area or not. I used EJ mapping tools and have the attached report as a result. We are hoping to get the order out within the next week or so.

I would say no but I have no previous experience reading this data. The address of the site I am working on is 181 Elliot St in Beverly MA.

Thanks

Carolyn
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